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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the Iranian armed forces have committed the following violations of the cease-fire provisions:

1. The Iranian side is continuing its flooding operation in the III Army Corps sector and opposite the defensive positions of our military units. Water levels as of 1600 hours on 2 February 1989 were as follows:

From opposite observation post No. 3 (at co-ordinates 913-998) to opposite observation post No. 22 (at co-ordinates 913-873), between 65 and 180 centimetres;

From opposite defensive position No. 3 (at co-ordinates 915-865) to opposite defensive position No. 1 (at co-ordinates 940-812), between 6 and 120 centimetres;

Water levels as of 1600 hours on 2 February 1989 from opposite co-ordinates 907-290 to opposite co-ordinates 910-115 were between 5 and 50 centimetres, and between 38 and 85 centimetres from opposite co-ordinates 909-287 to opposite co-ordinates 912-024.

2. Between 0600 hours and 1500 hours on 24 January 1989, three engineering units were observed improving the roads at co-ordinates 483-466, 489-459 and 511-381, at a distance of 650 to 700 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

3. At 1730 hours on 25 January 1989, three enemy personnel were observed constructing a concrete position. A hoist and a dump truck were also observed at co-ordinates 456-498, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

4. Between 0900 hours and 1115 hours on 25 January 1989, the Iranian side positioned 10 concrete sections, placing two sections each at co-ordinates 464-493, 416-448, 437-525, 440-520 and 430-537, at a distance of 900 to 950 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

5. On 25 January 1989, an engineering unit consisting of two excavators and one dump truck was observed constructing an earth road at co-ordinates 340-580, at a distance of 600 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
6. An enemy engineering unit consisting of three dump trucks, two bulldozers and one excavator was observed raising the earth barrage at co-ordinates 299-659, at a distance of 950 metres from the forward perimeter of our IV Army Corps units.
7. The enemy installed two concrete positions and one sandbagged position at co-ordinates 470-480, at a distance of 500 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
8. An enemy engineering unit consisting of one excavator, one bulldozer, one steamroller and seven dump trucks was observed strengthening a road at co-ordinates 469-482, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
9. An enemy engineering unit consisting of four dump trucks and one bulldozer was observed strengthening a road at co-ordinates 556-208, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
10. At 1130 hours on 25 January 1989, the enemy dug a fire trench at co-ordinates 585-427, at a distance of 250 metres from the forward perimeter of our II Army Corps units, and at the same time installed a single-phase machine-gun at co-ordinates 614-400, at a distance of 500 metres from the forward perimeter of our units.
11. At 1200 hours on 26 January 1989, a group of enemy personnel were observed digging a trench at co-ordinates 615-402, at a distance of 500 metres from the forward perimeter of our II Army Corps units.
12. Between 0600 hours and 1445 hours on 27 January 1989, an engineering unit was observed improving and strengthening the roads at co-ordinates 518-319, 469-483, 487-466 and 417-556, at a distance of 400 to 500 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
13. At 0715 hours on 27 January 1989, four boats, each carrying three enemy personnel, were observed at co-ordinates 692-141 on the Shatt al-Arab, at a distance of 400 to 500 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
14. Ten Iranian soldiers were observed constructing a concrete position at co-ordinates 675-153, at a distance of 500 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
15. At 1000 hours on 27 January 1989, a group of Iranian personnel, estimated at 10 in number, were observed with an excavator, a dump truck, a Mercedes vehicle and an ambulance opposite post No. 23 at co-ordinates 932-124, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our II Army Corps units. They were engaged in strengthening the barrages and levelling the roads.

16. Between 0710 hours and 1150 hours on 27 January 1989, an enemy engineering unit was observed strengthening the roads north of Khaz'alabad, on Dawasir and Ma'yawiyah islands and west of Mayuhi, at co-ordinates 504-382, 469-482, 489-459 and 518-317, and transporting earth from co-ordinates 512-385 towards the village of Ali al-Zahir in order to seal the enemy lake west of that village at co-ordinates 487-340, at a distance of 700 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
17. An enemy engineering unit consisting of two excavators and four dump trucks was observed constructing an earth road at a distance of approximately 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
18. Between 0800 hours and 1130 hours on 28 January 1989, an enemy engineering unit was observed improving and strengthening the roads running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab north of Khaz'alabad, west of the village of Ali al-Zahir, on Ma'yawiyah island, south of the Abadan refineries and west of Mayuhi, at co-ordinates 504-382, 495-336, 489-549, 416-551 and 517-319, and transporting earth from co-ordinates 512-385 to the village of Ali al-Zahir, at a distance of 750 metres from the forward perimeter of our units.
19. The Iranian side constructed an enemy position at co-ordinates 406-560, at a distance of 500 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
20. At 1720 hours on 29 January 1989, the enemy position at co-ordinates 159-773 was completed, roofed and manned by four personnel. A single-phase machine-gun was installed at the same position, at a distance of one kilometre from the forward perimeter of our I Special Army Corps units.
21. Between 0615 hours and 1430 hours on 30 January 1989, an engineering unit was observed strengthening and improving the road running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab at co-ordinates 504-382, 488-460, 429-536 and 468-483, at a distance of 650 metres from our forward units in the VII Army Corps sector.
22. At 0830 hours on 30 January 1989, 10 Iranian personnel, together with one ambulance, one excavator and one Mercedes dump truck, were observed constructing barrages along the road leading to Sarli (Wadi Sartush), opposite post No. 23 at co-ordinates 933-124, at a distance of 1 kilometre from the forward perimeter of our II Army Corps units.
23. At 0102 hours on 30 January 1989, the Iranian side constructed an unroofed sandbagged position opposite post No. 23 at co-ordinates 926-125, at a distance of between 200 and 300 metres from the forward perimeter of our II Army Corps units.
24. At 2130 hours on 30 January 1989, the enemy opened fire from two GC rifles in the direction of observation post No. 4 at co-ordinates 924-796.
25. The Iranian side constructed three concrete-block positions at co-ordinates 925-861, at a distance of 1 kilometre from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.

26. An enemy engineering unit consisting of four bulldozers was observed constructing a second embankment behind the first embankment at co-ordinates 934-842, at a distance of 700 metres from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.
27. At 1715 hours on 30 January 1989, the Iranian side lifted a single-phase machine-gun onto the first embankment at co-ordinates 308-605, at a distance of 600 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
28. At 1725 hours on 30 January 1989, the Iranian side increased the height of one of its observation towers by one metre, at co-ordinates 319-583, at a distance of 1,000 to 1,200 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
29. Between 0615 and 1445 hours on 31 January 1989, an engineering unit was observed improving and strengthening the road running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab at co-ordinates 498-336, 504-382, 489-458, 429-534, 457-499 and 470-481, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our units.
30. The Iranian side repaired the bridges constructed at co-ordinates 945-115, at a distance of 1 kilometre from the forward perimeter of our II Army Corps units.
31. At 1005 hours on 1 February 1989, a group of Iranian personnel estimated at five in number constructed a metal shelter at co-ordinates 159-773, across the Kanjan river, at a distance of 700 metres from the forward perimeter of our I Special Army Corps units.
32. At 0600 hours on 1 February 1989, the enemy position at co-ordinates 839-688 was completed, opposite post No. 384, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
33. At 2025 hours on 1 February 1989, the Iranian side fired two rounds in the direction of our III Army Corps positions. The bullets fell at co-ordinates 942-802.
34. The Iranian side constructed six concrete observation posts between co-ordinates 929-860 and 921-877, at a distance of 500 metres from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.
35. The Iranian side made an opening, two metres in width, in a minefield at co-ordinates 988-736, at a distance of 400 metres from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.
36. Between 0600 hours and 1500 hours on 2 February 1989, an enemy engineering unit was observed strengthening and reconstructing a road at co-ordinates 299-659 and 309-599, at a distance of 950 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
37. Between 0610 hours and 1430 hours on 2 February 1989, an enemy engineering unit was observed improving the roads at co-ordinates 489-459 and 472-481, at a distance of 750 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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